

## REMARKS

The above amendment is made to include a specific reference to earlier filed applications as required by 35 U.S.C. §119 or 35 U.S.C. §120 or both. Also some claims have been cancelled to reduce the filing fee. The Applicant reserves the right to add the cancelled claims at a later date.

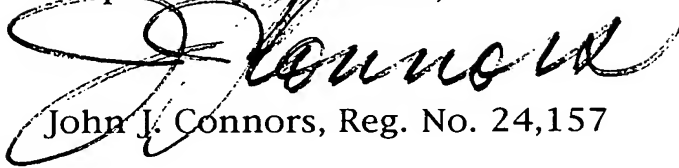
## FILING DATE

Because the deadline of February 20, 2005, to enter the national stage falls on a Sunday, and the next business day to file the above-identified national stage application is February 22, 2005, the Tuesday following President's Day, Monday, February 21, 2005, an official holiday for the United States Patent & Trademark Office. Applicant therefore mailed the above-identified national stage application on the last day to enter the national stage in the United States.

## CUSTOMER NUMBER

Please note Applicant's attorney Customer No. 021905, and confirm that this customer number has been entered in the U. S. Patent & Trademark Office records in connection with the above-identified application.

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